



MINUTES OF VICTIM SUPPORT EUROPE GENERAL MEETING Tuesday 5 November 2013 (17:00-17:30 pm) Renaissance Hotel, Brussels

1. Opening

The President of Victim Support Europe, David McKenna, opens the General Meeting and adds the following remarks to resolutions 1 and 3:

- Resolution 1: the words "in principle" are added
- Resolution 3: There is a proposal to appoint Helgard van Hüllen to the second Vice-President post. The Executive Board will draft a review of the whole Constitution in the coming year.

2. Apologies and Present

See list of attendees at the end.

3. VSE 2014 Budget

The Treasurer Helgard van Hüllen and the Administrative Officer Hélène Heinrichs present two 2014 forecast budget options:

- 1. One with increased membership fees and special contributions
- 2. One without increased membership fees and special contributions

4. Resolutions :

1) Resolution 1 / The Future of Victim Support Europe

This GM adopts in principle the report on "The Future of Victim Support Europe" as presented on 5 November 2013

The General Meeting unanimously approves the adoption in principle of the report on "The Future of Victim Support Europe" as presented on 5 November 2013

2) Resolution 2 / Full Membership fees

This GM agrees the following new membership arrangements for the years 2014 and 2015: 250 EUR fees are increased to 500 EUR 500 EUR fees are increased to 1.000 EUR 625 EUR fees are increased to 1.250 EUR 750 EUR fees are increased to 1.500 EUR 1.000 EUR fees are increased to 2.000 EUR

The General Meeting unanimously approves the new membership arrangements for the years 2014 and 2015.

3) Resolution 3 / Amendment of article 10.8.(j) of VSE Constitution

This GM agrees the following amendment of article 10.8.(j) of the Constitution: The offices to which Board Members shall have been elected pursuant to these Articles are as follows: (i) A President;
(ii) <u>**Two</u>** Vice Presidents
(iii) A Treasurer;
(iv) Up to seven further members of the Board
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The General Meeting unanimously approves the above proposed amendment of article 10.8.(j) of the Constitution (Creation of a second Vice-President post).

Thank you very much!

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David McKenna, President of Victim Support Europe

List of attendees:

Full Members

David McKenna, President of Victim Support Europe – Victim Support Scotland (UK) Helgard van Hüllen, Treasurer of Victim Support Europe - Weisser Ring Germany Sabrina Bellucci, VSE Executive Board Member – INAVEM (France) Victor Jammers, VSE Executive Board Member – Slachtofferhulp Nederland (NL) Jo Keaney, VSE Executive Board Member - Victim Support England & Wales (UK) Frida Wheldon, VSE Head of Policy - Victim Support Scotland (UK) Carmen Rasquete, VSE Project Coordinator – APAV (Portugal) Marianne Gammer – Weisser Ring Austria Petra Vitousova - Bily Kruh Bezpeci (Czech Republic) **Eva Koubova -** Bily Kruh Bezpeci (Czech Republic) Steen Knudsen - Offerrådgivningen (Denmark) Petra Kjällman - Rikosuhripaivystys Suomessa (Finland) Biwer Bianca - Weisser Ring Germany Barbara Wüsten - Weisser Ring Germany Petra Klein - Weisser Ring Germany Christoph Gebhardt – ADO (Germany) László Fügedi - Fehér Gyűrű (Hungary) **Ákos Harmath** - Fehér Gyűrű (Hungary) Roberta Lepre – Victim Support Malta **Robert Leitch** – Victim Support Scotland (UK) Alan McCloskey – Victim Support Scotland (UK) **Geraldine Hanna** – Victim Support Northern Ireland (UK)

Associate members

Barbara Velickovic – Croatian Victim and Witness Support Service
Maeve Ryan - Crime Victims Helpline (Republic of Ireland)
Lisa Kennedy - Irish Tourist Assistance Service (Republic of Ireland)
Tomasz Piechowiak - Subvenia Victima (Poland)
Marzena Piechowiak - Subvenia Victima (Poland)
Olga Brążkowska - Subvenia Victima (Poland)
José Miguel Ayllon - ANVDV (Spain)

<u>Staff</u>

Hélène Heinrichs, VSE Administrative Officer (VSE office Brussels, Belgium) **Sara Reis**, VSE Administrative and Finance Assistant (VSE office Brussels, Belgium)